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Mr. John E. Finlay
U.S. Postal Service
Room 3377
475 L'Enfant Plaza S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20260

Dear Mr. Finaly:

SUBJECT: FOIA Case #810264 of Harold Weisberg

For your convenience there is enclosed (1) a copy of the CIA referral to the Department of State (2) a copy of a memorandum from State's Office of Security to PA/FOI and (3) a copy of State's denial letter to Mr. Weisberg.

Also enclosed for review under the Freedom of Information Act and direct response to Mr. Weisberg is the material referred to by A/SY memorandum.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Strawberry
Freedom of Information Staff
Bureau of Public Affairs

Enclosure:

As stated

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desirous of meeting or exchanging correspondence primarily with individuals of abnormal sexual persuasion. Responses to these advertisements are channeled through [redacted] P.O. Box and correspondents are charged a $1.00 fee for forwarding each letter to the advertisers who are known to [redacted] but identified to the sender by their code number only.

Copies of "The Local Swinger" containing ad listings, instructions, comments and suggestions on answering advertisements, were provided by the Postal Inspector's Office and are attached to the original and one copy of this report.

POINDEXTER went on to say that [redacted] business is only one of a number of similar operations being conducted in the Los Angeles area. Such activities have proved monetarily very profitable but the postal service has found it difficult to obtain indictment and conviction in court cases with respect to obscenity because of the liberal interpretations placed on these matters by recent court decisions. Also, individuals like [redacted] are assiduously careful to avoid involving themselves in direct mailing of pornography although the clientele with whom they correspond do sometimes violate this rule. He further advised that during the course of his investigation, he came into possession of a letter, dated February 17, 1968, written to a female correspondent (unidentified) of "The Local Swinger" by [redacted] (alias [redacted] The letter enclosed a current photograph (recently given wide distribution in international press and news media) of [redacted] and was voluntarily furnished by the female correspondent who had placed an advertisement in [redacted] newsletter. (A copy of this letter is attached to the original of this report only).

In view of the above, the findings in this case relative to [redacted] were transmitted by the Postal Inspector's Office to the FBI who interviewed [redacted] and the girlfriend posing as his wife, [redacted] on or about May 3, 1968. At the time of this interview, [redacted] having avowed he did not want to involve himself in trouble with the Federal authorities, had been cooperative and, POINDEXTER understood, had furnished the FBI copies of his club membership records. He therefore reasoned that a listing of these names may possibly be obtained from that Bureau. POINDEXTER pointed out that he also desires to interview [redacted] with respect to possible violation of postal regulations in connection with his use of the mails. He remarked that since insufficient evidence exists to bring prosecution proceedings against [redacted] he would attempt to get [redacted] to voluntarily relinquish his P.O. Box and terminate his newsletter operations in exchange for an agreement by the Post Office Department to drop further action against him. Since [redacted] whereabouts are currently unknown, POINDEXTER will authorize that delivery

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of mail to [redacted] P.O. Box be held-up until such time as he contacts the Postal Inspector's Office and presents himself for interview. POINDEXTER agreed to notify SAC [redacted] when contact is made for the purpose of arranging a joint interview with [redacted] At this time, further efforts will be made to locate [redacted] through [redacted] and to obtain from him a copy of the club membership list in "The Local Swinger".